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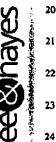
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**CLAIM AMENDMENT** 

Claims 1-48 are presently pending before amendments herein.

Claims 38-45 and 48 are cancelled.

No new claims are added.

Claims 1-37 and 46-47 remain pending after amendments herein.

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### Election/Restriction

The claims are subjected to a restriction/election requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 as containing two patentably distinct groups of the claimed invention:

- I. Claims 1-37 and 46-47, drawn to encoding one or more regions of a video signal by embedding a watermark with specific relative intensity relationships between frames, classified in class 382, subclass 100; and
- II. Claims 38-45 and 48, drawn to the selection of detection frames from a video signal, classified in class 348, subclass 465.

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute Group I in the event that the restriction/election requirement as set forth above is maintained. Claims 1-37 and 46-47 read on Group I.

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### Conclusion

All pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the Office is urged to contact the undersigned attorney before issuing a subsequent Action.

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